

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONDEMNING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S USE OF A HIGH-ALTITUDE SURVEILLANCE BALLOON OVER UNITED STATES TERRITORY AS A BRAZEN VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 104) condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over United States territory as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 104

Whereas, on February 2, 2023, the Department of Defense publicly announced it was tracking over United States territory a high-altitude surveillance balloon belonging to the People's Republic of China (PRC);

Whereas the Department of Defense has since acknowledged that North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) first began tracking the surveillance balloon on January 28, 2023, prior to its entry into United States airspace;

Whereas the Secretary of Defense has stated that the balloon "was being used by the PRC in an attempt to surveil strategic sites in the continental United States";

Whereas the surveillance balloon traveled near sensitive United States national security facilities, including Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana;

Whereas, on February 4, 2023, a United States Air Force aircraft shot down the surveillance balloon off the coast of South Carolina;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) intelligence collection directed against the United States poses a threat to United States interests and security;

Whereas, while the PRC has a long history of intelligence collection operations against United States national security entities, reports of its espionage have risen significantly in recent years;

Whereas the CCP attempted to spread false claims about the nature and purpose of the surveillance balloon, falsely claiming it to be a weather balloon that veered off-course due to "force majeure" events;

Whereas, on February 3, 2023, the Secretary of State postponed his planned trip to the PRC and referred to the balloon incident as an "irresponsible act and a clear violation of U.S. sovereignty and international law that undermined the purpose of the trip";

Whereas Article I of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, also known as the Chicago Convention, states that "every State has complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above its territory";

Whereas although PRC surveillance balloons have previously violated United States

airspace, this incident differs from those prior violations due to the length of time the balloon spent over United States territory; and

Whereas it is in the United States national security interest to deter foreign adversaries from engaging in intelligence collection and other malign activities within United States territory and airspace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the PRC's brazen violation of United States sovereignty;

(2) denounces the CCP's efforts to deceive the international community through false claims about its intelligence collection campaigns in violation of United States sovereignty;

(3) determines that it should be the policy of the United States to promptly and decisively act to prevent foreign aerial surveillance platforms, including those directed by or connected to the CCP, from violating United States sovereignty; and

(4) calls on the Biden administration to continue to keep Congress apprised by providing comprehensive briefings on this incident that include—

(A) a complete account of all known infiltrations of the national airspace by the PRC over the past several years, regardless of platform;

(B) a complete account of similar past incidents of the PRC's use of surveillance balloons around the world;

(C) a complete timeline of events for the most recent infiltration from first detection to the eventual shutdown of the balloon;

(D) an assessment of what surveillance data the PRC was potentially able to collect or transmit, via the balloon while it was over United States territory;

(E) a detailed account of what measures were taken to mitigate the intelligence collection threat posed by the balloon, the costs of those measures, and the impact on the regular operations of the affected installations, platforms, and personnel;

(F) a description of what options were identified to mitigate the threat, and a description and timing of the recommendation the U.S. military made to the President regarding those response options;

(G) a detailed account of diplomatic communications between the United States and the PRC regarding this incident, including any demarches by Department of State personnel and subsequent responses by the PRC; and

(H) a detailed description of plans, capabilities, and methods to deter and defeat intelligence collection activities conducted by the PRC or other foreign adversaries in the national airspace system and any additional authorities needed from Congress to ensure detection and defeat of these activities in the future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. McCAUL. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this past week the Nation watched in shock as a Chinese surveillance balloon traversed much of the United States, including sensitive American military sites like Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana. That base is one of the three places where our minuteman ICBM nuclear missiles are stored.

Americans were rightfully deeply disturbed by this brazen violation of sovereignty by the Chinese Communist Party. This act of aggression was done on the eve of a scheduled meeting between Chairman Xi and Secretary of State Antony Blinken. That meeting was ultimately canceled.

The balloon, I believe, was a test, a test of this administration to see how it would respond. I believe the President should have shot it down before it entered American airspace rather than allow it to cross over the Continental United States airspace.

But make no mistake, this was another intentionally provocative act by the CCP. As I have said often, weakness invites aggression. This act will only further embolden and empower our enemies; it will embolden and empower Chairman Xi.

Mr. Speaker, I have never seen a foreign nation adversary fly a reconnaissance aircraft that you could see from the ground with your own eyes. The CCP threat is now within sight for Americans across the heartland, a vision and memory that they will not forget.

This is further proof that the CCP does not care about having a constructive relationship with the United States. It is publicly challenging U.S. interests, threatening Taiwan, supporting Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, and now violating U.S. sovereignty.

If there is any question whether the administration should request funds supporting Taiwan's foreign military financing grants, this incident alone should make it clear that the time is now to harden ourselves and our partners against the Chinese military aggression.

An event like this, Mr. Speaker, must not happen again, and it cannot go unanswered. They only understand one thing and that is force, and that is projecting power; and we need to project power and force and strength against the Chinese Communist Party.

They must understand that we do desire peace, but infringing upon our sovereignty leads us down a dangerous path. Our adversaries must believe that any future incursion into American airspace by a spy balloon or any other vehicle will be met with decisive force, and that is why the House should pass this resolution.

The resolution, under section 4, does call for the Biden administration to continue to keep Congress apprised by providing comprehensive briefings on this incident that include—and there

are many of these, but I want to go to the end,—most importantly, a detail description of plans, capabilities, and methods to deter and defeat intelligence collection activities conducted by the PRC or other foreign adversaries in the national airspace system and any additional authorities needed from Congress to ensure detection and defeat these activities in the future.

I hope this administration will comply with this resolution. This resolution, I believe, sends a clear, bipartisan signal to the CCP and our adversaries around the world that this action will not be tolerated; to tell the world, with a united voice, that our national security is not a partisan issue.

We stand together today with one voice, as Americans, Americans against this act of aggression by the Chinese Communist Party.

Mr. Speaker, I urge unanimous support of this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 104, condemning the CCP's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over the United States territory as a brazen violation of U.S. sovereignty, that was authored by my friend and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, MICHAEL MCCAUL.

Last week, the entire world witnessed a clear and unacceptable breach of U.S. sovereignty. I stand here today to strongly denounce the presence of the PRC balloon in the United States airspace.

It is now up to Beijing to demonstrate, not just to the United States but to the world, that it is serious about respecting international rules and law, and that it is genuine about stabilizing relations with the United States.

Secretary Blinken was on his way to Beijing to engage in diplomacy but, and I believe, correctly, canceled his trip. It was the PRC's irresponsible behavior that once again hindered U.S. efforts at dialogue and de-escalation because once we crossed that line, it will not be good for any nation; and that is why diplomacy is always important.

The PRC also needs to come clean and stop pretending that this was a civilian airship gathering weather information that accidentally veered into the U.S. airspace. We all know, and now with the debris that we are picking up after the responsible shooting down of the balloon in the Atlantic Ocean, we all know that the PRC—it was a PRC surveillance balloon, full stop, and Beijing needs to own up to it.

I thank the Biden administration for the transparency that we learned that this was not the first time that the PRC balloon has transited over U.S. airspace. In fact, this has happened at least three times during the Trump administration and once before during this administration.

We also learned that last week's incident was part of a larger PRC global surveillance operation that has infringed on the sovereignty and threatened the security of nations across five continents.

We read this morning, in various public forums, like The New York Times and The Washington Post, that we have gained knowledge by shooting this balloon down in the Atlantic Ocean. As we dig it up, we will find more information and be able to share it with our allies so that we can collectively make sure that the violation of sovereignty does not continue by the PRC.

Over the weekend when this incident happened, I was talking to a number of members of my staff and they were telling me they were in the SCIF being informed by the administration of things that were going on. It is that kind of transparency and information that must continue, and I thank them for that.

Finally, let me just say that I thank the Biden administration for bringing that balloon down. I don't believe that China thought we would take it down. We did. We benefited from it. We have learned from it. We are examining it. We are working with our allies to make sure that our sovereignty is not invaded by the PRC.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. FRY), who personally eyewitnessed the spy balloon in the Atlantic Ocean as it was shot down on the beaches right off of his district, off the coast of his district in South Carolina.

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 104, a resolution condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over United States territory as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty, introduced by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman MICHAEL MCCAUL of Texas.

I would never have imagined that my Saturday afternoon would have been disrupted due to a Chinese spy balloon. Not only did it float across most of South Carolina, it floated across the entire Continental United States, and ended up over my district and, out of all places in this country, the balloon was shot down right off the coast of my hometown, Surfside Beach, which I represent.

And yes, it does—if you watched it and if you were there on the ground—sound like it was straight out of a sci-fi movie.

There is no question that the response or, rather, lack of response from this administration, in my opinion, was negligent.

More than 19 million people annually visit our area to enjoy our beautiful beaches and southern hospitality along more than 60 miles of coast that is known as the Grand Strand.

Myrtle Beach is known for many things, Mr. Speaker, but part of that

equation has never been an international incident taking place right off of our shores.

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The Chinese Communist Party last Friday, February 3, said that this was merely a weather balloon gathering meteorological data that got lost in our country. It is comical to me that they would actually think that we would fall for such a bogus claim.

Let me be clear: This was a blatant violation of American sovereignty as part of the comprehensive surveillance program on the United States as well as other countries across the globe.

This was a test by the Chinese Communist Party, and it saddens me to say that I think this administration failed that test.

This is the United States. Our foreign policy has always been built on peace through strength. This is our wake-up call. It is time for President Biden to step up on the world stage and take a page from one of my favorite Presidents, Teddy Roosevelt: Speak softly and carry a big stick. While diplomacy should always be our first objective, we must be prepared to respond with strength when necessary.

This resolution shows that the U.S. House of Representatives, in a bipartisan fashion, condemns the Chinese Communist Party's efforts to deceive the international community with their false claims of intelligence collection. I call on this administration to promptly and decisively act to further prevent surveillance attempts in the future.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, China says it reserves the right to retaliate against America for the temerity of shooting down their spy balloon over our territory. This arrogance should not surprise us. It is the fruit of decades of China successfully pushing us around and getting away with murder. The balloon is just the latest, and I think the smallest, invasion of our sovereignty.

China denies access to American companies to its market, thus creating the most lopsided trading relationship in the history of trading relationships, with all the macroeconomic effects that has.

But it also has an effect on our sovereignty, because it then allows access to their markets to selected American companies, handing out that access like dog training treats. And lo and behold, our corporations, they roll over, they sit down, they play dead. Morgan Stanley has to tell its American customers to invest—advises them to invest 15 percent of their money in China; and if it fails to do so, Morgan Stanley won't be able to do business in China.

God forbid anybody from the NBA mentions Hong Kong or the Uyghurs. They are bounced out of the league.

And Hollywood is told they can only get 40 movies into China every year, which means if they make a movie about Tibet, it will not be shown in China. Hell, if they make a movie about Tibet, none of their movies will ever be shown in China. As a result, we are not going to see a movie about Tibet or the Uyghurs. China controls what we see on our screens.

And then a little problem with COVID, where China's obfuscation and lack of cooperation led to hundreds of thousands of deaths around the world.

But most significantly are the millions of jobs that we have lost as we have seen our industry hollowed out. The result is a decline in real wages over the last 30 years of Americans without college degrees and the fentanyl crisis as well.

All of these offenses deserve a major response, and we cannot limit that response to just this balloon. Like a balloon, we cannot allow this to all blow over.

I have five modest proposals.

First, we should sell identified weapon systems to Taiwan, including the helicopters.

Second, we should provide that China automatically loses its most-favored-nation status if they invade or blockade Taiwan.

Third, all major American corporations should report to their shareholders how they would be affected by a rupture in the U.S.-China trade relationship, because that is a genuine risk factor. It might happen. But that will encourage the companies to disengage from China and to build resiliency to compete for capital by showing shareholders that they are ready and that they have disengaged. And if our companies are resilient, our economy is resilient.

Fourth, we need a fund to compensate American companies that choose not to bow down to China and, therefore, suffer losses. This needs to be funded from a tariff on Chinese goods.

And, fifth, we need tough responses to China in tariffs if they retaliate for any of the four things I just identified.

We have a lot to do. This balloon has woken up the American people, and it should wake us up to the far greater things that China has done.

In the meantime, let's pass this resolution.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER), the vice chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and another eyewitness to this act of aggression as the balloon traveled across her State, the State of Missouri.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman MCCAUL for yielding the time and for this resolution. I rise in support of the resolution.

Literally, from the heart of Missouri's Second Congressional District, there I was, in the suburbs of St. Louis County, as I watched this spy balloon with my own eyes. I wasn't the only

one. I was getting calls from friends and family all over Missouri who were horrified that this was allowed to happen.

We watched in real time from our backyards and workplaces as a foreign aircraft equipped with spyware navigated over our neighborhoods, our military installations, and our vital infrastructure.

As this spy balloon approached Alaska, the response should have been crystal clear. It should have been shot down before it entered our skies. Instead, the Biden administration waffled again. They knowingly allowed a foreign military aircraft equipped with spyware to invade U.S. sovereign territory and navigate itself unimpeded all across the country, putting the privacy of countless Americans at risk.

Communist China issued a deliberate and serious provocation. Instead of responding with strength and resolve, the administration showed the dictatorship in Beijing that they could again be bullied.

President Biden's weakness and indecision send a dangerous signal to our adversaries like Iran, Russia, and North Korea, and it certainly does not give confidence to our allies.

It is unconscionable that the administration waited so long to take action and protect our national security, infrastructure, and military assets. The administration needs to take action to correct its mistake and to restore American deterrence.

Congress must get to the bottom of this deeply disturbing episode. We have a duty to our constituents, many of whom feel much less safe today than they did at about this time a week ago.

I can tell you that that is the case in Missouri's Second Congressional District, where families literally watched as a foreign military aircraft flew over their private property, collecting data about their lives to send back to Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, this must never happen again. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 104.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member and thank the managers of this bill for their work.

This was no weather balloon. This was a spy balloon.

Let me be very clear: Members of both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans, are standing before the American people and recognizing that this resolution of the Chinese Communist Party's actions are appropriate, and we should, as Americans, denounce their actions.

Let me be very clear as well: I want to congratulate United States military intelligence officials and others who effectively took the Commander in Chief's order that occurred on February 1 to shoot it down, and they handed themselves with the greatest

amount of appropriateness to ensure that the American people were safe, to contain the threat, and to do their job.

It serves no purpose to suggest that the Commander in Chief, President Joe Biden, failed the American people or did anything wrong.

Interestingly enough, in the midst of the spy balloon, over 70 percent of the American people believe that Joe Biden took to the podium in the State of the Union and gave them enough comfort that the State of the Union is well, our souls are strong, and the American people are strong.

Yes, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I am keenly aware and concerned about this Nation's national security, keenly aware of the timeframe in which this spy balloon came into our eyesight.

With that in mind, even as it traversed the United States, I can assure you, in spite of the chronicling of the facts here, that General Austin, the Department of Defense, and others that were responsible for our safety, pursuant to the direction of the Commander in Chief, followed this spy balloon and were able to handle it appropriately in the course of shooting it down.

Finally, let me say: It is important that we use this as a condemnation of the Chinese Communist Party. Let us not use this to intimidate Chinese Americans or to be able to create atmospheres of hate. I denounce that, and I denounce SB 147 in the State of Texas that wants to stop Chinese Americans from buying property. That is not the American way.

What is the American way is to stand as Democrats and Republicans and others and Members of Congress to take our full responsibility, alongside the executive, to ensure your national security. We have done that.

We have the facts, we know the traversing, and I can assure you that the Chinese Americans have not engaged themselves in this activity and should not be condemned.

The Chinese Communist Party is aware of the strength of the people of the United States and their defense.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for offering this very important and very timely resolution. It asks many of the tough questions that have to be asked, and we need answers.

Mr. Speaker, journalist Paul Bedard wrote an incisive article on February 3 entitled: "Dry run: Balloons called top 'delivery platform' for nuclear EMP attack." It points out that, obviously, the grid would be fried; we would be unable to do just about anything. Here is a balloon going over our military installations, including our ICBM base, with the capability to launch an EMP attack. Did we know it? Did it have such a payload? We have no idea.

Let me also say surveillance was at a minimum what was happening. It should have been shot down much sooner over the Aleutian Islands in a way that would have just stopped this unbelievable breach of U.S. sovereignty.

He quotes in this article a man by the name of David Stuckenberg, who is an EMP expert, and he says: "A high altitude balloon could be designed, created, and launched in a matter of months." And that is what they did. "There is nothing to prevent several hundred pounds of weapons material from being delivered" from that altitude. He talks about the flyover as being a dry run.

They are testing us, and we did not rise to that challenge.

Let me say to my friends and colleagues: The militaristic aspirations of the PRC and Xi Jinping are global. He watches his enemies, obviously, in the region, but he looks at the entire world, and he has a multi-year plan for conquest.

Finally, I have chaired 76 congressional hearings on human rights abuses in China. I am barred from going there by the CCP.

Xi Jinping and the CCP systematically murder, jail, torture, persecute, and commit genocide against their own citizens. As we all know, it does pose an existential threat to its neighbors in the region and to the United States.

We need to up our game and mitigate the threat to our own people. Americans deserve better, and this resolution is asking the tough questions so that happens.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM), chair of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific.

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman McCAUL for yielding and for his leadership on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over U.S. territory as a brazen violation of U.S. sovereignty and international norms.

The balloon has been shot down, and I thank those who bravely completed the mission.

However, many questions remain, and intelligence reports show what we all knew: This was neither a coincidence nor something to be taken lightly.

This surveillance balloon was part of a larger program by the CCP that has collected information on military assets in Indo-Pacific countries like Taiwan, Japan, India, and the Philippines.

We all know that this balloon does not even scratch the surface of the CCP's surveillance capabilities. Millions of Americans are spied upon every single day through TikTok and

other state-affiliated applications and technologies.

Whether in airspace or cyberspace, we cannot allow the CCP to spy on us. We cannot allow the CCP to threaten our way of life and the American Dream.

The time to project strength is now. We must defend our airspace, send a strong signal to the CCP that this behavior will not be tolerated, and equip our allies with the tools they need to deter and defend against CCP's aggression.

As the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee chair, I am committed to getting answers from the Biden administration about when they knew the CCP's balloon was entering the U.S. airspace and what they know about the CCP balloon program.

We need to ensure the United States responds to this type of aggression with strong, decisive action from our leaders.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that the Biden administration—we just had a classified hearing so the questions could be asked. They have been transparent. If there are any questions that need to be asked—as I said earlier, my staff and other staff were informed and briefed.

The fact of the matter is the Biden administration has declassified a lot of the information, and that is why we read it in *The New York Times* today and in *The Washington Post* yesterday. The American people know what is going on.

There is no secrecy in what took place. We know that there was a decision, as indicated in the *Times* today, that we would get more information by bringing it down in the Atlantic Ocean and obtaining the balloon, looking at it, learning from it, having more of a benefit than China did with what its civilian balloon was attempting to do. We know that.

If there is any question that any Member of Congress has about what took place or transpired, one, you can first just go to *The New York Times* or *The Washington Post*; two, yesterday, Secretary of State Blinken held a press conference; or you could have gone to the classified hearing this morning where all the decisionmakers were present to ask any question that you wanted to. There has been complete transparency by the Biden administration.

Mr. Speaker, I conclude by saying there is one thing that we all agree upon, that the United States' sovereignty was crossed by the PRC. There is one thing that we can agree upon, that the PRC are the ones that violated it and sent a civilian balloon not only here to the United States but, as we have learned, over five continents.

We have to work collectively together to isolate the PRC and its dictatorship for the harm and spying that it is doing across this globe.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. ZINKE), an original cosponsor of this bill and yet another Member who witnessed the spy balloon as it flew over his State of Montana.

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to death that both sides recognize it is a problem, and it is. Let's call it like it is.

First of all, I don't expect China to tell the truth. It says it was a civilian airship. We know that is a lie.

Nor do I appreciate the Biden administration's explanations. Let's go through them really quickly.

Number one was remote. Our concern not to shoot it down was because it was going someplace remote or we could have collateral damage on the ground. It went through the Aleutian chain, one of the most remote places on the planet. As a former SEAL, I can tell you there is not a lot out there.

Then, it went over Montana. Petroleum County, for instance, has 434 people in it. That is less than the United States Congress. I can guarantee you, the chance of hitting collateral damage was probably more off the coast of Myrtle Beach than it was in Montana.

They even suggest, well, we gained great intelligence as it meandered from Montana to the Carolinas because we were monitoring what the Chinese were spying on. That is like inviting a burglar to your house just to see what he takes.

Look, it is a problem and has been a problem. Also, to blame the Trump administration—look, I was Secretary of State. Does anyone in this body or anyone in America remember a balloon the size of three buses at 65,000 feet going from Montana to North Carolina? I mean, come on. We all recognize it is a problem.

Lastly, if this administration can't figure a balloon out, then how can we figure out Taiwan?

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MORAN), a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman McCAUL and the ranking member for H. Res. 104. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this resolution.

The sovereignty of any nation should, at the very least, be defined by its physical barriers. Certainly, sovereignty extends far beyond geographic borders, but at its base, a sovereign nation not only has the right to defend itself against intrusion, but it has the responsibility to do so.

Daily, our executive branch chooses policy pathways in the areas of national defense, foreign affairs, and homeland security that weaken the sovereignty of these United States. We see this on the southern border on a minute-by-minute basis.

This past week, we saw this weak-minded leadership when we failed to

take timely and decisive action to shoot down what we knew was an intelligence-gathering balloon on a mission from the Chinese Communist Party.

This Nation is capable of strong and decisive action to protect its national interests, but we must be willing to act on this capability.

Let the foreign affairs and national defense policies in this Nation be strong, strategic, and steady. If we are not, our sovereignty will certainly erode to nothing.

Mr. Speaker, I stand again to support H. Res. 104 and appreciate the bipartisan support on this issue. In doing so, I stand to support the sovereignty of the United States and the security of its people.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN), a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 104, which rightfully condemns this violation of the United States' sovereignty by the Chinese Communist Party.

Last week, we saw the Chinese Communist Party breach U.S. airspace with the intention of openly surveilling sensitive U.S. national security facilities, including locations housing nuclear missiles. This is unacceptable and demonstrates again that the CCP is willing to challenge the United States and to flaunt its intelligence-gathering operations in our country.

The Biden administration owes the American people an explanation as to why earlier action was not taken against this threat. Why is any foreign government allowed to act in this fashion without an immediate response from the U.S.?

We must project strength, not weakness, if this Nation wants to be taken seriously on the world stage.

I thank the men and women of our Armed Forces who carried out this mission to remove this surveillance from our skies. I will continue working with my colleagues on the Foreign Affairs Committee to support our partners in the Indo-Pacific to address this threat posed by the CCP and to provide appropriate oversight over this administration.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 104 is an opportunity for this body to denounce the People's Republic of China's repeated infringement of U.S. sovereignty. The events of the past week and our response to it, including this resolution, reveal the PRC's irresponsible actions to the world and demonstrate that the United States will always act to defend our sovereignty and work with our allies.

Indeed, this balloon traveled over Canada and, as we said, over five continents. There are conversations that

our allies are having collectively to make sure that sovereignty is preserved.

Through its measured and effective action that safeguarded civilian life and prevented escalation, the Biden administration showcased to the world once again that the United States is the responsible power. By swiftly sharing information about the PRC's global surveillance efforts, we have strengthened the confidence and trust that our allies and partners have in us.

In short, the PRC came out on the bottom and America came out on top.

With the confidence that we will continue to do so in our competition with the PRC, I hope that all of my colleagues join me in condemning the PRC's violation of our sovereignty and support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say that lies, deceit, espionage, spying, this is nothing new.

Mr. Speaker, I remember, in 1997, I was assigned to a case at the Department of Justice to prosecute a man named Johnny Chung. He was taking money from Chinese intelligence officials, from China Aerospace, to put into the Clinton campaign to influence the election because China wanted to influence the election back then. They wanted satellites. They wanted aerospace technology. That is why they were doing it then.

Guess what? My FBI agent got indicted for espionage for sleeping with a Chinese spy—imagine that—a Chinese spy who for 20 years was cultivated as an FBI asset. Her name was Katrina Leung. I will never forget it because all the information I gave my agent went straight back to the mother ship in Beijing. A Chinese spy, 20 years cultivated, became a double agent reporting back to Beijing, and we can't release those documents from 20 years ago, 30 years ago.

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But this—this one—takes the cake: a balloon this brazen that is only 60,000 feet above the ground and that can be seen with the naked eye surveilling the United States of America.

We talked at our organizational meeting last night about how this committee is bipartisan. We are bipartisan. We are bipartisan on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I will tell you this: If there is anything this Congress should get done—I challenge the other side of the aisle—let's stand together against this common enemy that we have.

Our enemy is not each other. Our enemies are foreign enemy nations like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea—China being the largest foreign state adversary and the biggest threat long term to the national security interests of the United States.

Let's do it with one voice. Let's put our partisan politics aside and do what is right for America.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAWLER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 104.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 104 will be followed by 5-minute votes on:

Passage of H.J. Res. 24; and

Passage of H.J. Res. 26.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 117]

YEAS—419

Adams	Cherfilus-	Fletcher
Aderholt	McCormick	Flood
Aguilar	Chu	Foster
Alford	Cicilline	Foushee
Allen	Ciscomani	Fox
Allred	Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois
Amodei	Clarke (NY)	Franklin, C.
Armstrong	Cleaver	Scott
Arrington	Cline	Frost
Auchincloss	Cloud	Fry
Babin	Clyburn	Fulcher
Baird	Clyde	Gaetz
Balderson	Cohen	Gallagher
Balint	Cole	Gallego
Banks	Collins	Garamendi
Barr	Comer	Garbarino
Barragán	Connolly	Garcia (TX)
Bean (FL)	Correa	Garcia, Mike
Beatty	Costa	Garcia, Robert
Bentz	Courtney	Gimenez
Bera	Craig	Golden (ME)
Bergman	Crane	Goldman (NY)
Beyer	Crawford	Gomez
Bice	Crenshaw	Gonzales, Tony
Biggs	Crockett	Gonzalez,
Bilirakis	Crow	Vicente
Bishop (GA)	Cuellar	Good (VA)
Bishop (NC)	Curtis	Gooden (TX)
Blumenauer	D'Esposito	Gosar
Blunt Rochester	Dauids (KS)	Gottheimer
Boebert	Davidson	Granger
Bonamici	Davis (IL)	Graves (LA)
Bost	Davis (NC)	Graves (MO)
Bowman	De La Cruz	Green (TN)
Boyle (PA)	Dean (PA)	Green, Al (TX)
Brecheen	DeGette	Greene (GA)
Brown	DeLauro	Griffith
Brownley	DelBene	Grijalva
Buchanan	Deluzio	Grothman
Buck	DeSaulnier	Guest
Bucshon	DesJarlais	Guthrie
Budzinski	Diaz-Balart	Hageman
Burchett	Dingell	Harder (CA)
Burgess	Doggett	Harris
Burlison	Donalds	Harshbarger
Bush	Duarte	Hayes
Calvert	Dunn (FL)	Hern
Cammack	Edwards	Higgins (LA)
Caraveo	Ellzey	Higgins (NY)
Carbajal	Emmer	Hill
Cárdenas	Escobar	Himes
Carey	Eshoo	Hinson
Carl	Españillat	Horsford
Carson	Estes	Houchin
Carter (GA)	Evans	Houlahan
Carter (LA)	Ezell	Hoyer
Carter (TX)	Fallon	Hoyle (OR)
Cartwright	Feenstra	Hudson
Casar	Ferguson	Huffman
Case	Finstad	Huizenga
Casten	Fischbach	Issa
Castro (TX)	Fitzgerald	Ivey
Chavez-DeRemer	Fitzpatrick	Jackson (IL)
	Fleischmann	Jackson (NC)

Jackson (TX) Miller-Meeks
 Jackson Lee Mills
 Jacobs Molinaro
 James Moolenaar
 Jayapal Mooney
 Jeffries Moore (AL)
 Johnson (GA) Moore (UT)
 Johnson (LA) Moore (WI)
 Johnson (OH) Moran
 Johnson (SD) Morelle
 Jordan Moskowitz
 Joyce (PA) Moulton
 Kamlager-Dove Mrvan
 Kaptur Mullin
 Kean (NJ) Murphy
 Keating Nadler
 Kelly (IL) Napolitano
 Kelly (MS) Neal
 Kelly (PA) Neguse
 Khanna Nehls
 Kiggans (VA) Newhouse
 Kildee Nickel
 Kiley Norcross
 Kilmer Norman
 Kim (CA) Nunn (IA)
 Kim (NJ) Obernolte
 Krishnamoorthi Ocasio-Cortez
 Kustoff Ogles
 LaHood Omar
 LaLota Owens
 LaMalfa Pallone
 Lamborn Palmer
 Landsman Panetta
 Langworthy Pappas
 Larsen (WA) Pascrell
 Latta Payne
 LaTurner Pelosi
 Lawler Peltola
 Lee (CA) Pence
 Lee (FL) Perez
 Lee (NV) Perry
 Lee (PA) Peters
 Leger Fernandez Petterson
 Lesko Pfluger
 Letlow Phillips
 Levin Pingree
 Lieu Porter
 Lofgren Posey
 Loudermilk Pressley
 Lucas Quigley
 Luna Ramirez
 Luttrell Raskin
 Lynch Reschenthaler
 Mace Rodgers (WA)
 Magaziner Rogers (AL)
 Malliotakis Rogers (KY)
 Mann Rose
 Manning Rosendale
 Massie Ross
 Mast Rouzer
 Matsui Roy
 McBath Ruiz
 McCarthy Ruppertsberger
 McCaul Rutherford
 McClain Ryan
 McClintock Salazar
 McCollum Salinas
 McCormick Sánchez
 McGarvey Santos
 McGovern Sarbanes
 Meeks Scalise
 Menendez Scanlon
 Meng Schakowsky
 Meuser Schiff
 Mfume Schneider
 Miller (IL) Scholten
 Miller (OH) Schrier
 Miller (WV) Schweikert

Stated for:
 Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 117.

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE LOCAL RESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 260, nays 162, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 118]
 YEAS—260

NOT VOTING—15
 Bacon Joyce (OH)
 Castor (FL) Kuster
 Duncan Larson (CT)
 Garcia (IL) Luetkemeyer
 Hunt McHenry

Aderholt Davidson
 Alford Davis (NC)
 Allen De La Cruz
 Allred DesJarlais
 Amodei Diaz-Balart
 Armstrong Donalds
 Arrington Duarte
 Babin Dunn (FL)
 Bacon Edwards
 Baird Ellzey
 Balderson Emmer
 Banks Eshoo
 Barr Estes
 Bean (FL) Ezell
 Bentz Fallon
 Bergman Feenstra
 Bice Ferguson
 Biggs Finstad
 Bilirakis Fischbach
 Bishop (GA) Fitzgerald
 Bishop (NC) Fitzpatrick
 Boebert Fleischer
 Bost Flood
 Brecheen Westerman
 Buchanan Franklin, C.
 Buck Scott
 Bucshon Fry
 Budzinski Fulcher
 Burchett Gaetz
 Burgess Gallagher
 Burlison Garamendi
 Calvert Garbarino
 Cammack Garcia, Mike
 Caraveo Gimenez
 Carey Golden (ME)
 Carter (GA) Gonzales, Tony
 Carter (TX) Gonzalez,
 Cartwright Vicente
 Chavez-DeRemer Good (VA)
 Gooden (TX) Gooden (TX)
 Cuscomani Gosar
 Cline Gottheimer
 Cloud Granger
 Clyde Graves (LA)
 Cole Graves (MO)
 Collins Green (TN)
 Comer Greene (GA)
 Correa Grothman
 Costa Guest
 Craig Guthrie
 Crane Hageman
 Crawford Harder (CA)
 Crenshaw Harris
 Cuellar Harshbarger
 Curtis Hern
 D’Esposito Higgins (LA)
 Davids (KS) Hill

Miller (IL) Reschenthaler
 Miller (OH) Rodgers (WA)
 Miller (WV) Rogers (AL)
 Miller-Meeks Rogers (KY)
 Mills Rose
 Molinaro Rosendale
 Moolenaar Rouzer
 Mooney Roy
 Moore (AL) Rutherford
 Moore (UT) Ryan
 Moran Salazar
 Moskowitz Salinas
 Murphy Santos
 Nehls Scalise
 Newhouse Schrier
 Nickel Schweikert
 Norman Scott, Austin
 Nunn (IA) Self
 Obernolte Sessions
 Ogles Sherrill
 Owens Simpson
 Palmer Slotkin
 Panetta Smith (MO)
 Pappas Smith (NE)
 Pence Smith (NJ)
 Perez Smucker
 Perry Sorensen
 Petterson Spanberger
 Pfluger Spartz
 Phillips Stanton
 Posey Stauber

NAYS—162

Adams Garcia (TX)
 Aguilar Garcia, Robert
 Auchincloss Goldman (NY)
 Balint Gomez
 Barragan Green, Al (TX)
 Beatty Grijalva
 Bera Hayes
 Beyer Higgins (NY)
 Blumenauer Himes
 Blunt Rochester Horsford
 Bonamici Houlihan
 Bowman Hoyer
 Boyle (PA) Hoyle (OR)
 Brown Huffman
 Brownley Ivey
 Bush Jackson (IL)
 Carbajal Jackson Lee
 Cárdenas Jacobs
 Carson Jayapal
 Carter (LA) Jeffries
 Casar Johnson (GA)
 Case Kamlager-Dove
 Casten Keating
 Castro (TX) Kelly (IL)
 Cherfilus-McCormick Kildee
 Chu Kim (NJ)
 Cicilline Krishnamoorthi
 Clark (MA) Lee (CA)
 Clarke (NY) Lee (PA)
 Cleaver Lieu
 Clyburn Lofgren
 Cohen Lynch
 Connolly Magaziner
 Courtney Matsui
 Crockett McBath
 Crow McCollum
 Davis (IL) McGarvey
 Dean (PA) McGovern
 DeGette Meeks
 DeLauro Menendez
 DelBene Meng
 Deluzio Mfume
 DeSaulnier Moore (WI)
 Dingell Morelle
 Doggett Moulton
 Escobar Mrvan
 Espallat Mullin
 Evans Nadler
 Fletcher Napolitano
 Foster Neal
 Foushee Neguse
 Frankel, Lois Norcross
 Frost Ocasio-Cortez
 Gallego Omar

NOT VOTING—12

Castor (FL) Hunt
 Duncan Kuster
 Garcia (IL) Larson (CT)
 Griffith Pocan

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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